Subject: Re: RELEASE: COUNCILMEMBERS ENGLANDER & BUSCAINO INTRODUCE EXPEDITED INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN IN RUN-UP TO 2028 OLYMPICS
From: Jack Humphreville <JackH@TargetMediaPartners.com>
Date: 2/8/2018, 8:27 AM
To: Colin Sweeney <colin.sweeney@lacity.org>

Understand. But look at the upcoming budget and where this money is going.

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On Feb 8, 2018, at 8:04 AM, Colin Sweeney <colin.sweeney@lacity.org> wrote:

> The mayor cannot appropriate, only council can.
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> On Thu, Feb 8, 2018 at 7:41 AM Jack Humphreville <JackH@targetmediapartners.com> wrote:
>> Thanks.
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>> Good idea. But has Eric already allocated the gas tax and local return money to other uses.
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>> On Feb 8, 2018, at 7:08 AM, Colin Sweeney <colin.sweeney@lacity.org> wrote:
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>>> On Thu, Feb 8, 2018 at 6:52 AM Jack Humphreville <JackH@targetmediapartners.com> wrote:
>>>> What is the Council File number?
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>>>> Thank you.
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>>>> Jack Humphreville
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>>>> **From:** Colin Sweeney [mailto:colin.sweeney@lacity.org]

Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 11:01 AM
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - February 7, 2018

Councilmembers Englander & Buscaino Introduce Expedited Infrastructure Plan in Run-Up to 2028 Olympics

LOS ANGELES - Councilmembers Mitchell Englander and Joe Buscaino introduced legislation today to expedite the usage of existing voter and legislature approved revenues to fund major infrastructure improvements to L.A.'s streets and sidewalks.

"With the Olympics only 10 years away, we need a plan now detailing how we're going to get our City's infrastructure in shape for the games," Councilmember Englander said. "The voters of Los Angeles have given us an incredible opportunity to fix our broken streets and sidewalks and to do so in a timely manner. The revenues are there, it's up to us to make a game plan and execute."

"By accelerating the repair our broken streets and sidewalks, we also create the opportunity to simultaneously fix other areas of failing infrastructure including water mains, sewers, and the high injury network," said Councilman Joe Buscaino. "Whether you use public transportation, bike, walk, or drive, everyone uses LA streets and sidewalks. Any delay in repairing our streets will only lead to more injuries and deaths, and much higher construction costs which decrease the number of improvements. Now that we have the money, let's get to work!"

Currently, 38 percent of L.A. streets have a D or F rating and more than 8,700 lane miles of streets in the City need rehabilitation. Moreover, the City Council only recently passed a framework to start fixing the City’s crumbling and buckled sidewalks. These infrastructure

improvements will cost millions of dollars that the City does not currently have. Meanwhile, the cost of labor continues to increase and the City continues to pay out millions in lawsuit settlements for injuries caused by poor streets and sidewalks. Furthermore, L.A. residents spend an estimated additional $900 annually in car maintenance due to the poor condition of roads.

In 2014, Save Our Streets LA (SOSLA) was published and presented to Council as a blueprint to front fund infrastructure investments throughout the city. While the SOSLA proposal considered creating new revenue streams, recently enacted policies such as Measure M Local Return and Senate Bill 1 present the City with options not available in 2014 to front finance and expedite massive infrastructure projects. By borrowing against future revenues, we not only speed up the improvements at no additional cost to the taxpayer, we ultimately save taxpayer dollars by preventing the further deterioration of streets and sidewalks which would otherwise increase the cost of repairs.

The motion filed today instructs the office of the Chief Legislative Analyst and Chief Administrators Office to report to Council with options to fund crucial street and sidewalk infrastructure improvements in advance of the 2028 Olympic Games.

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